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Inaugural Briefs

Mrs. FDR On Hand

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (UPI)—John Fitzgerald Kennedy was sworn in as President today after about four hours sleep.

He arrived at his Georgetown home at 4 a.m. after the pre-inaugural round of galas and parties, and rose at 8 a.m. For breakfast he had orange juice, poached eggs on toast, bacon and coffee. Then he read over his speech.

At 43, Kennedy is the youngest man elected President, but the second youngest to serve. Theodore Roosevelt was just 43 days short of 43 when he moved from vice president to President in 1910 following the assassination of William McKinley.

Kennedy also is the first President born in the 20th century, the first Catholic President, the first President since Andrew Johnson to have had previous service in both the Senate and House, and only the second President (Ulysses S. Grant was the first) to enter the White House while both his parents were living.

Washington's snow storm produced strange contrasts of inaugural dress. Uniforms for the day varied from formal top hat to stadium boots for the ladies. Allen W. Dulles, Central Intelligence chief, showed up wearing heavy shoes, carrying a top hat in one hand and a figured Indian blanket in the other.

Former House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin had on a black homburg, symbol of the Eisenhower inaugurations. G. Mennen Williams, now a State Dept. official, was correct in cutaway and top hat.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt turned down an honor guest seat on the presidential stand in favor of one in the lower level section reserved for the diplomatic corps. She said she could hear better there.

Mrs. Roosevelt wore a mink coat and carried a blanket to wrap around her legs. As an expert in such matters, she predicted that Jacqueline Kennedy will "manage very well" as First Lady.

Hagerty Praised

James C. Hagerty, the Eisenhower press secretary, held his final news conference today. Reporters lauded him and said he set a standard of excellent that would be hard to match. Hagerty replied that "I'm just the best press secretary until the next one."

Kennedy is the most Irish of all American presidents. Both his paternal and maternal ancestral lines lead to the old sod. Historians have reported various degrees of Irish blood in Presidents Jackson, Polk,

Arthur, Cleveland and McKinley. There also were Irish lines in the family trees of Buchanan, Taft, Wilson and Coolidge. And George Washington is said to have been related to a branch of the Irish McCarthy family.

"I Married An Angel" is the number Kennedy requested for his first dance with his bride when he and Jacqueline Bouvier were married. Mrs. Kennedy requested that the same number be played at the inaugural ball. But the Kennedys can't dance—the Secret Service won't let them.